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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAGELIN ET AL.

Examiner

James Phan

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/9/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 7/25/03 has been considered by the examiner.

Additional Prior Art Cited

Dickensheets et al discloses a micromechanical scanning device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 18 is narrative in form and indefinite in that there is no optical interconnection between the first micromechanical convex mirror and the second micromechanical concave mirror listed in the claim. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickensheets et al.

Dickensheets et al discloses a micromechanical scanning device having a first micromechanical mirror (17) having a first radius of curvature value (infinity); a first micromechanical drive mechanism (including conductive regions 31 and 32, and conductive film on the surface of the mirror 17); a second micromechanical mirror (18) having a second radius of curvature value (infinity); and a second micromechanical drive mechanism (including conductive regions 33 and 34, and conductive film on the surface of the mirror 18). See Figs. 2 and 3, and column 3, lines 59-62.

The difference between the claimed invention and the applied prior art is that while the first mirror and the second mirror in the claimed invention are convex and concave, respectively, the mirrors in the applied prior art are flat.

Because the claim does not particularly specify the radius of curvature values of the convex and concave mirrors, it is the examiner position that the absolute radius of curvature values of the convex and concave mirrors are equal; and because the absolute radius of curvature values of the convex and concave mirrors are equal, the optical power of the combined convex mirror and concave mirror is zero which is the same as the optical power of the combined mirrors (17 and 18) of the applied prior art. Therefore, the use of the combination of the convex and the concave mirrors of the same absolute radius of curvature value instead of flat mirrors is considered an alternative to provide a zero optical power. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to replace the flat mirrors in the applied prior art with a convex and concave mirrors of the same absolute radius of

curvature value as an alternative for the common feature, i.e. obtaining a zero optical power.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2317. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Phan, J.
June 9, 2004


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